

**WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DIVISION
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2008**

LAST OF REGION 6 CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED:

On September 29, 2008, Water Quality Protection Division issued Construction General Permits providing coverage for construction-related storm water discharges in Indian Country in New Mexico and Oklahoma and for federal jurisdiction dischargers in Oklahoma (primarily oil and gas and concentrated animal feeding operations) and Texas (primarily oil and gas). The Construction General Permit is now effective for all EPA-jurisdiction areas in Region 6.

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FINAL AGENCY ACTION ON 30 TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR DISSOLVED OXYGEN AND NUTRIENTS IN LOUISIANA:

On September 30, 2008, 30 TMDLs for dissolved oxygen and nutrients prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Terrebonne River Basin, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act were established. The notice announcing the final agency action will be published in the Federal Register. These final TMDLs are required to comply with the Louisiana consent decree agreement between EPA and the Plaintiffs.

The establishment of the 30 TMDLs has been approved by Water Division Director.

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LOUISIANA OFFSHORE TERMINAL AUTHORITY PERMIT REISSUANCE:

On September 16, 2008, The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) reissued the permit for the Louisiana Offshore Terminal Authority (LOTA) - Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP). The permit action is a joint re-issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit for a facility that discharges to both State and Federal waters. The Permits Oversight Section previously coordinated this action with the Louisiana Office of Coastal Restoration and Management and with the National Marine Fisheries Service. **Paul Kaspar, 665-7459**

LOUISIANA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (LPDES)

PERMITTING ACTIVITIES: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) recently submitted three preliminary draft LPDES permits for EPA review. One is a general permit authorizing discharges from automotive maintenance facilities; another is an individual permit renewal for an existing chlor-alkali manufacturing facility (for which LDEQ has requested an expedited review); and, the last is a steam-electric power plant permit resubmitted to address CWA 316(b) requirements for cooling water intake structures. **Paul Kaspar, 665-7459.**